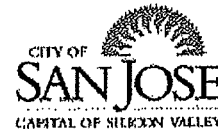


## County of Santa Clara



## City of San José



**TO:** CITY COUNCIL AND COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

**FROM:** Debra Figone, City Manager  
Jeffrey V. Smith, County Executive

**SUBJECT:** ANNUAL CITY-COUNTY MEETING

**DATE:** September 30, 2009

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

Accept report from the County Executive and City Manager relating to issues of mutual interest between the two jurisdictions.

### **OUTCOME**

To provide a venue for the County Board and City Council to receive reports from staff and discuss amongst each other issues of mutual interest to the County and City, and the community-at-large.

### **BACKGROUND**

Three years ago, the City of San Jose (City) and County of Santa Clara (County) re-affirmed their commitment to establish a stronger, more productive relationship, focused on issues of mutual interest. Working towards this effort, the City and County have developed a process whereby staffs from both organizations communicate and collaborate on identified topic areas. Elements of this process are highlighted below:

- a) **Compendium Development and Maintenance:** The compendium (Attachment A) represents a dynamic list of mutually identified interests, programs, and projects of importance to both parties. This document provides a synopsis of each issue, identified point persons, timelines, and a summary of both the City and County viewpoints for each particular item. Staff has established set procedures for updating the document simultaneously, and protocols for adding and removing items.
- b) **Staff Liaisons and Executive Staff Responsibilities:** Both the County and the City have assigned key staff in the County Executive's Office and the City Manager's Office to serve as support staff and key contacts for items of interest to surface. Additionally, County and City Department Heads and their respective managers have been charged with communicating and collaborating on identified items of mutual interest.

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- c) **Regularly Scheduled Meetings:** The County Executive and City Manager meet monthly, and the Board President and Mayor meet bimonthly to discuss matters listed in the compendium, as well as other general interest topics.
- d) **Annual Joint Meeting:** Since 2006, both elected bodies convene an annual joint meeting, including the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, to discuss key areas of interest to the community.

**ANALYSIS**

The Board and Council have convened three annual joint meetings (2006-2008). Past meetings have included presentations on Redevelopment and Capital budgets, Old Civic Center Re-Use, Annexations, Coyote Valley Specific Plan, County Fairgrounds, and the County's General Obligation Bond Measure to fund Santa Clara Valley Medical Center's Seismic Safety Project. This year's topic areas were selected as being the most relevant to the community's current interests and needs. In addition, the Board and Council will have an opportunity to comment and inquire about any item listed in the compendium.

Below is a summary of items that have been removed from, or added to the compendium since the last joint meeting in September 2008.

**2009 Compendium Summary**

In August 2007, the compendium contained 49 items of mutual interest to the County Board and City Council. The following year, 28 items were listed with a 57% completion rate. This past year, two major goals were jointly accomplished (see "Items Removed") and three items were added (see "Items Added"), for a total of 29 items in 2009.

It is worth mentioning that several other issues identified during the year were mutually resolved without being listed, demonstrating improved communication and a stronger ability to identify issues for collaboration that would have a positive impact on both organizations and/or the community-at-large.

Please be assured that county and city staffs continue to communicate regularly to complete, or resolve, all the issues presented; however, some issues take more time and resources – both of which are difficult given the current economic crisis and cost shifts from state to local government that are taking place. Where possible, limited progress has been made and noted in the compendium.

**Items Removed**

1. **Destination: Home –Destination: Home:** This item was removed because collaboration between the County and City is progressing well. With the leadership of County Supervisor Don Gage and San Jose Mayor Reed, in the summer of 2008, the first of two One-Stop Homeless Prevention Centers opened to provide services from multiple agencies located throughout the county in one location. A second One-Stop Center (at the Georgia Travis Center) focused on the needs of chronically homeless persons opened in the winter of 2008. Additionally, in the fall of 2008, a 15-bed Medical Respite Facility opened to provide homeless

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residents a place to recover following a hospital stay while receiving basic medical care and access to services and housing. Responsibility for the homeless prevention program has moved from the County Executive's Office to the County's Mental Health Department to better coordinate programs and leverage funding from the Mental Health Services Act (Proposition 63). Destination: Home is progressing to include all cities in the county in this Collaboration, as well as solidifying partnerships with non-profits and service providers in the county. Many other good efforts continue to be achieved from the County and City's collaboration on ending homelessness.

2. **Ten-Year Strategic Plan to Advance the Well-Being of Older Adults:** This issue was removed because it is jointly supported and completed. The Aging Services Collaborative is now a widespread community partnership and The Health Trust now supports and administers the Collaborative.

**Items Added**

1. **Census 2010 (Item 3)** – Estimated completion date: July 2010 (This item was added only for the Annual Joint City/County Meeting for the community's interest. It is jointly supported by the County and City, and other cities in Santa Clara County.
2. **AFIS/Cal-RAN ID (Item 13)** - Estimated completed date: 2010
3. **Transfer of Petroleum Tank Inspection Responsibility from City to County (Item 24)** – Estimated completion date: October 2009.